THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 22nd January 1949.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Alleged entry of French Indian Military Police into the Indian territory.

* 178 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a report was received by the Police that (i) French Indian Military Police from Mahe crossed into Madras Province (Indian Union territory) on or about the 11th November 1948 and (ii) one Narayanan Nair was shot at and arrested by the French Police while he was in Indian Union territory; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) whether any and what action has been taken in the matter and (ii) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the incident?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) (i) & (ii) No. According to a report received from the District Magistrate, Malabar, one Kuttipunathil Narayanan of Manjakkal in French territory was arrested by the French police on the morning of 10th November 1948, in French territory, near the Mahe railway station.

" (*b*) (i) Does not arise.

(ii) The Government of India have been informed of the correct version."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government of this Province taken up this matter with the Government of India that we should integrate foreign possessions in South India? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No. Sir. This question refers only to an incident which was rather confused. People here thought that one of the Union citizens was arrested and dealt with. Information now discloses that he was a French citizen arrested by the French police. As regards the other question, it is a much bigger question and we are not directly concerned with this. We as the Provincial Government have informed the Central Government of this fact."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are Government quite sure that no Indian Union subject was arrested by the French police in Indian Union territory? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

*Police officers of **Madras** Province sent for duty in the Hyderabad State.*

* 179 Q.—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(a) the conditions on which the police officers of this Province have been sent for duty in the Hyderabad State;

(b) the period for which their services have been lent; and

(c) whether the promotions, etc., of the various officers will be affected on account of their stay in the State?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (a) The matter is under consideration.

" (b) No period has yet been fixed.

" (c) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether in consideration of the difficulties involved in the task, the Police officers will get any extra remuneration from the Nizam's State? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Such officers who serve will certainly be remunerated by the Nizam's Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I want to know if they get any additional remuneration for the task they take upon themselves? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I should have time to enquire into the matter, Sir."

Review of work done in the Research sections of the Agricultural Colleges.

* 180 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee has recommended that a review of the work done in the Research sections of the Agricultural Colleges and Agricultural Stations should be undertaken with a view to assess the value of work already done and to prepare a plan for the future and if so how the Government propose to implement the recommendation?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee has recommended as follows :—

' The Committee understands that a survey of the research work and field staff has not been made within recent times. In view of the large staff employed and the importance of